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1. BARRING UNFORESEEN DEVELOPMENTS, SPYROS KYPRIANOU WILL TODAY  
(AUG 31) BE DECLARED WINNER OF THE UNCONTESTED BY-ELECTION FOR  
PRESIDENT TO SERVE OUT THE TERM OF ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS.  
NOMINATION ROLL WILL CLOSE AT 1230 PM (LOCAL TIME) AUG 31,  
WITH KYPRIANOU BEING ONLY CANDIDATE LISTED. AFTER SIX-HOUR  
DELAY TO PERMIT ANY CHALLENGE TO HIS QUALIFICATIONS  
(CITIZENSHIP, AGE, MENTAL HEALTH, ETC.) TO SERVE

AS PRESIDENT, KYPRIANOU WILL BE PROCLAIMED WINNER OF ELECTION BY ELECTION RETURNS OFFICER AT APPROXIMATELY 6:30 PM.

2. CONSTITUTION CALLS FOR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO MEET THIRD DAY FOLLOWING ELECTION TO INVEST PRESIDENT AND WITNESS HIS OATH OF OFFICE. AS REPORTED REFTEL, GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY SCHEDULED INVESTITURE CEREMONY FOR SATURDAY, SEPT. 3.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH PRESS IN PAST WEEKS HAS REPORTED THAT SOME UNKNOWN MIGHT NOMINATE HIMSELF AND FORCE AN ACTUAL ELECTION TO BE HELD, IT APPEARS THAT NONE HAVE IN FACT COME FORTH AND THERE WILL BE NO CONTEST. ONLY SUSPENSE IN PROCEDURE IS QUESTION OF WHETHER KYPRIANOU WILL MAKE CONSTITUTIONALLY PRESCRIBED AFFIRMATION OF FAITH TO CONSTITUTION OR WILL FOLLOW PRECEDENT SET BY MAKARIOS IN 1973 AND AFFIRM FAITH TO LAWS OF CYPRUS "IN FORCE FOR THE TIME BEING." EXACTITUDE WITH WHICH GOC HAS FOLLOWED CONSTITUTIONAL PROCEDURES SINCE DEATH OF MAKARIOS SUGGESTS THAT KYPRIANOU WILL MAKE AFFIRMATION AS PRESCRIBED BY CONSTITUTION.  
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